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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JACKY ROSEN, a Senator from the State of Nevada.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Mighty God, in turbulent times throughout our history, You have answered us. Answer us again. Save and strengthen the Ukrainian people. Lord, deliver them from their peril. Grant them the desires of their hearts, and make their plans succeed. May they shout for joy when they receive Your answers to their many prayers.

Today, continue to provide our lawmakers with the wisdom to accomplish Your purposes on Earth. May they refuse to boast about their strength but, instead, boast about Your matchless might.

And, Lord, we thank You for the life and legacy of former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

We pray in Your powerful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 24, 2022.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACKY ROSEN, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Ms. ROSEN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

AMERICA CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANUFACTURING, PRE-EMINENCE IN TECHNOLOGY, AND ECONOMIC STRENGTH ACT OF 2022—Resumed

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4521, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4521) to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology.

Pending:

Schumer amendment No. 5002, in the nature of a substitute.

Schumer amendment No. 5003 (to amendment No. 5002), to change the enactment date.

Schumer amendment No. 5004 (to amendment No. 5003), to change the enactment date.

Schumer amendment No. 5005 (to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 5002), to change the enactment date.

Schumer amendment No. 5006 (to amendment No. 5005), to change the enactment date.

Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with instructions to report back forthwith, Schumer amendment No. 5007, to change the enactment date.

Schumer amendment No. 5008 (to the instructions of the motion to commit (amendment No. 5007)), to change the enactment date.

Schumer amendment No. 5009 (to amendment No. 5008), to change the enactment date.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, well, it was another busy and productive evening here on the Senate floor. Yesterday, we confirmed another six judges to important positions on the Federal bench and all of them, I am happy to say, with bipartisan support. We now have confirmed 56—56—judges under this Democratic Senate majority, and I thank my colleagues for their patience and for keeping the pace moving here on the floor last night.

There are two judges I am especially proud to have confirmed. First, we confirmed Hector Gonzalez to serve as a district judge for the Eastern District of New York. Mr. Gonzalez is a most deserving, most qualified, and most inspiring individual to serve as a judge. Born in Cuba, raised in Queens, he is the embodiment of the American dream.

We also finally confirmed a judge who has inspired me for more than a decade—Ali Nathan, now confirmed as circuit judge for the Second Circuit. When I first met her, I thought, “Here is someone who is truly special,” and I still believe that to this day. And, to boot, she increases the diversity of the court as only the second-ever openly

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